

VII. *A New Species of Bembex from the Khasia Hills, Bembex Khasiana*, sp. nov. By PETER CAMERON, communicated by GEORGE ALEXANDER JAMES ROTHNEY, F.E.S.

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Lacteous-yellow ; two large oblique marks on the clypeus above, the occiput, except near the eyes, vertex, the front, except above, and two large lines on the upper half, roundly converging on the inner-side above, a line, narrow above, broadly dilated below, on the frontal keel, the prothorax, except for an irregular mark on the apex of the pronotum, broader at the base than at the apex, a line on the apex of the scutellum, a shorter, narrower one on the post-scutellum, two oblique marks, roundly dilated upwards on the inner-side and with a sharp projection on the lower, inner-side on the base of the metanotum, an irregular mark on the sides on the top of the apical slope, the pleuræ, except for an irregular line on the base of the meso- above, the sutures, an irregular broad line on the upper half of the metapleuræ above, two large marks on the centre of the mesosternum and a mark on the sides at the apex, black. First abdominal segment black, with a yellow mark, narrowed gradually on the inner-side and extending on to the ventral surface ; the 2nd segment is black on the extreme base ; its apex is more broadly black, the band dilated backwards in the middle and having there two broad, large projecting marks united to it ; the base of the 3rd segment black, with two broad marks near the centre, its apex more broadly black and dilated backwards in the middle, the projection being gradually narrowed ; the 4th and 5th segments are similarly marked ; the apical entirely black. Ventral surface black, except on the sides, slightly, of the basal three segments. Legs pallid yellow ; the coxæ for the greater part and the femora broadly black above. Tarsi stout ; the anterior with the joints broad ; the 2nd, 3rd and 4th narrow at the base, broadly dilated at the apex ; the spines long, stout, rufous ; the metatarsus is not much narrowed at the base, with the anterior and not at all with the posterior. Calcaria narrow, sharply pointed, reaching close to the middle of the metatarsus ; the 2nd, 3rd and 4th joints become successively shorter and narrower on the anterior.

Length 20 mm.

The ♂ I do not know. Comes near, in Bingham's system, to
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B. fossoria. The scape of the antennæ is pale yellow below and may be so at the base above. The hair on the head is long and fuscous ; on the thorax darker and shorter. Mandibles pale yellow to the basal tooth.

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